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Subject: RE: Oxitec EUP Application OPP Update

FYI: A variety of tweaks have been made here and there, but it was approved by Ed. It's on its way to Nancy and Charlotte for review next. Hoping to publish this afternoon.

EPA Reopens Public Comment Period on Application for Experimental Use Permit to Combat Mosquitoes

In response to requests from stakeholders, EPA is reopening the public comment period regarding Oxitec's application for an experimental use permit (EUP) for genetically engineered Ox513A *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes.

EPA first announced the availability of Oxitec's application for an experimental use permit on March 9, 2018, in the Federal Register. Following review of the application, data and public comments, EPA will decide whether to issue or deny the EUP request, and if issued, the conditions under which the study is to be conducted.

Aedes aegypti mosquitoes can spread several diseases of significant human health concern, including the Zika virus. Oxitec's genetically engineered *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes are designed to suppress wild *Aedes aegypti* populations. Genetically engineered male mosquitoes are released into the environment to mate with wild female mosquitoes, and the resulting offspring do not survive.

Oxitec's proposed experimental program is designed to take place over 24 months in Harris County, Texas, and Monroe County, Florida. For additional details view the entire proposal.

Public comments about this proposed EUP should be submitted to www.regulations.gov under docket # EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0756 on or before June 7, 2018.

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Subject: Re: Oxitec EUP Application OPP Update

We are reopening the comment period. Thanks for catching.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 8, 2018, at 5:54 PM, McNally, Robert <Mcnally.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

> I am 99% sure we are not extending the comment period, since it ended, but opening a new one or reopening the old one – correct? Mike and Eric – what are we calling it?

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Subject: Oxitec EUP Application OPP Update

Good Afternoon Bob and Anne,

This OPP Update announcing the extension of the comment period for the Oxitec EUP application is ready for your review. It has been approved by Eric Bohnenblust, Mike Mendelsohn, and Kaythi Han.

We hope publish the OPP Update early tomorrow morning.

Thanks!
Isabella

EPA ~~Extends~~ Opens a Second Public Comment Period on Application of Experimental Use Permit to Combat Mosquitos

In response to numerous requests, EPA is ~~extending~~ opening a second ~~the~~ public comment period of the receipt of application of Oxitec's experimental use permit for Ox513A *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes.

EPA first announced the availability of Oxitec's application for an experimental use permit on March 9, 2018 in the Federal Register. Following the review of the application, data, and public comments received, EPA will decide whether to issue or deny the EUP request, and if issued, the conditions under which it is to be conducted.

Oxitec's genetically engineered *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes are to be used to suppress wild *Aedes aegypti* populations. Genetically engineered male mosquitoes are released into the environment to mate with wild female mosquitoes. The genetic modification ensures that the resulting offspring do not survive. *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes can spread numerous diseases of significant human health concern, including the Zika virus, and using such technology can help to control these mosquito populations.

Oxitec's proposed experimental program is designated to take place in Harris County, Texas, and Monroe County, Florida. For additional details view the entire proposal.

Public comments about the receipt of this EUP application should be submitted to www.regulations.gov under docket # EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0756 on or before June 7, 2018.

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